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SUBJ: LOUGHEED TO LEAD PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MISSION TO
SOVIET UNION AND MIDDLE EAST

1. ALBERTA MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, LOU HYNDMAN, TOLD PRESS JANUARY 19 THAT PREMIER LOUGHEED WOULD LEAD PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MISSION TO U.S.S.R. AND MIDDLE EAST LATER THIS YEAR. LOUGHEED VISITS WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN LATE SPRING, AND HYNDMAN INDICATED THAT ALBERTA PREMIER MIGHT SEEK TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR LONG TERM WHEAT DEAL WITH U.S.S.R.

2. DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TOLD CONGEN THAT LOUGHEED TRIP TO U.S.S.R. WAS IN RESPONSE TO LONG STANDING OFFICIAL INVITATION AND THAT ALBERTA GROUP WISHED TO HOLD TALKS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS, ENERGY MATTERS, AND PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE. ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST WERE NOT YET COMPLETE, BUT DEPUTY MINISTER SAID THAT ALBERTA MISSION WANTED TO GATHER INFORMATION ON ATTITUDES OF OPEC COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO OIL PRICING.

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3. SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM ALBERTA WHEAT POOL, COOPERATIVE WHICH MARKETS VAST BULK OF PROVINCIAL GRAIN, TOLD US THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT PROSPECTIVE SOVIET WHEAT SALE. THIS SOURCE STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA HAD "NOTHING SPECIFIC IN MIND".

4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOUGHEED TRAVEL PLANS PROMPTED
REPROACHFUL EDITORIAL IN CALGARY HERALD WHICH NOTED THAT
"IT WOULD BE REASSURING TO THE CITIZENS OF CANADA TO HAVE
THE PROVINCES BEHAVE LIKE PROVINCES AND THE NATION LIKE A
NATION".

5. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS OF THESE VISITS AS THEY
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